

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014
7:15 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:25pm

Boy Scout Troop 64 was present to lead in the Flag Salute and to earn a merit badge.

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-present
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the September 2, 2014 Executive Session and Closed Session minutes:

Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Administrator Perkins' Report

The Community Development Block Grant project has changed from Cortland Avenue pipe replacement to resurfacing Locust and Dumont Avenues due to the CDBG grid change.

We are currently looking for space for relocation of the administrative offices.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Brophy

Ethics Board

The meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda

Finance Committee

The committee met and discussed the Capital Budget

- Councilwoman Correa

Shade Tree Commission

At their last meeting six sprinkler heads at the arboretum were reported broken

There is concern about a heritage tree on Chestnut Street- the Commission is watching it.

- Councilman Hayes

Recreation

There is a problem with sprinklers at Memorial Park.

- Councilman Manna

DPW

There was a total of 445 miles swept in August. There were 16 sewer jobs. 39 catch basins were cleaned, 4 repaired and 3 replaced. The Department continues repairing asphalt curbing and clearing debris from the brooks.

The Councilman, Mr. Ebenhack and Mr. Perkins met with a company which is state contracted and does micro sealing of roads. They are looking into testing a street. If this works it will result in a big savings to the town.

- Councilman Riquelme

Police Department

In August there were 1,788 telephone calls for service-77 calls for medical, 8 for fire and 5 for commitment. 18 Motor vehicle crashes were investigated by patrol and 15 domestic violence cases were investigated by the Detective Bureau. Sgt. Flaherty, Sgt. Joyce and P.O. Quintano attended Alco test recertification. A letter from a resident was received commending Officers O'Callaghan and Abrahamsen.

Library

A meeting is scheduled for September 24th.

Board of Health

The Councilman attended the meeting. The reappointed members were sworn in.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

The Councilwoman and Custodian Bill Bowen prepared a video of the condition of Borough Hall.

Senior Center

There was a luncheon the Councilwoman helped out at today. There was a presentation about Medicare.

Ambulance

The Councilwoman, along with Councilwoman Correa and Councilman Riquelme attended a meeting.

The Ambulance Corps will be selling Christmas trees.

Fire Department

There were 30 alarms and 788 man hours in August.

Thank you to the Fire Department for the 9/11 Memorial Service

Celebrations

The proceeds from the 5K Run went to four families in need.

The Halloween parade will take place October 25th at Memorial Park.

Mayor's Report

Borough Hall is in severe disrepair. We need to provide a safe environment for employees and residents. We are looking into shared services with other towns and looking for office space for the administrative offices. Trailers will be provided for the Police Department.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#14-179 Approval of Hiring Four Substitute Crossing Guards-\$14.75 per hour, no benefits *

#14-180 Endorsement of Community Development Block Grant Application-Resurfacing of Locust & Dumont Avenues *

#14-181 Support of Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey *

#14-182 Bills List *

#14-183 Approval of Block Party on Colonial Parkway September 20, 2014 *

#14-184 Resolution Supporting Increased Safety for Rail Tank Cars *

#14-185 Approval of 2014 Salary Resolution *

#14-186 Appointment of Negotiation Team for COAH Mediation * Mr. Paster explained that letters were received from COAH requesting the resolution to be adopted due to the objection submitted by Landmark. There is nothing imminent.

#14-187 Capital Budget Amendment-Bond Ordinances 1393 and 1450 *

#14-188 Authorization for the Borough Administrator to Proceed with the State Contract for Temporary Trailers for the Police Department subject to availability of funds *

Motion to open to the public on consent agenda items: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

1. Matthew Balin, 12 Elizabeth Street, asked who was on the mediation team. Mr. Paster responded that team consists of the Mayor, Councilman Manna, Ms. Green-COAH Planner and himself.
2. Rachel Bunin, 9 Poplar Street, asked for an explanation of the Resolution #181. The Mayor explained that it is an endorsement of Open Space Funds and will be sent to the Governor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

ORDINANCES

First Reading

#1476 Bond Ordinance amending sections 3 & 4 of Bond Ordinance no. 1393 adopted September 1, 2009 to amend the project description and to make such other necessary changes for said improvements authorized to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Councilman Manna asked for an explanation of the two bond ordinances. The Mayor explained that money from other Bond Ordinances will be used for starting the process of moving out of Borough Hall.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

#1477 Bond Ordinance amending sections 3(a) & 7(d) of Bond Ordinance no. 1450 adopted December 4, 2012 to amend the project description and to make such other necessary changes for said improvements authorized to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Correa

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Matthew Balin, 12 Elizabeth Street, asked the amount of the bond ordinances. The answer was \$192,000.
2. Phyllis Binney, Roxbury Road, asked for clarification of D'Angelo's tax appeal and the process for back tax. Mr. Paster explained that this is subject to negotiation. The Borough has to reassess the farm property. Taxes are due November 1st but since there is an appeal, the added assessment is not due until it is resolved.
3. Cathy Doherty, 110 Roxbury Road, asked if D'Angelo's has to pay the existing taxes. Mr. Paster responded yes. She also asked why Ordinance #1475 was cancelled and about the P zone. She mentioned the limiting schedule in Ordinance 455-10. Ms. Doherty asked about the COAH rules since they are still in flux. Mr. Paster explained that the Borough would have six months to revise the third round. Ms. Doherty asked if the Mayor and Council are thinking of Open Space, etc. to be ready to buy D'Angelo's if the contract falls through. Mr. Paster stated that all options are on the table.
4. Rachel Bunin, 9 Poplar Street, asked that FarmD receives responses to their emails so that they can address rumors.
5. Mr. Leonard, 67 Essex, complained of the lack of maintenance at D'Angelo Farms and that the drains near his house need cleaning.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss Police Personnel

Motion: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Following Closed Session:

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilwoman Correa

Second: Councilman Hayes
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk

(Recorder did not work)